

The Role of IRBs in Reviewing Community-Engaged Research: ?

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What if this talk followed the CBPR model?

- No Advance Notice
- Time
- Interest
- Empowerment
- Evolution
- Technical Competence
- Social Justice and Action Orientation

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How Will OHRP Reform the
Regulations so that Community-
Engaged Research is Treated
More Fairly?

(with free follow-up reports)

The Role of IRBs in Reviewing Community-Engaged Research:

Be Careful What You Ask For

Be Careful What Community You Ask to Become Engaged



Be Careful What You Ask Approval for

“We request approval to design and implement a research study that we will design and execute in collaboration with the community.”

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- “We request approval to use our 20 research volunteers named in the attachment to collect the information requested in the attached survey form on March 21st from 100 recruited subjects.”

Be Careful Which IRB(s) You Ask for Approval From

- Your own IRB
- A “borrowed” IRB
- A “rented” IRB
- Multiple IRBs, or One.

Be Careful What You Ask Community Participants to Do



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“...The IRB should not consider possible long-range effects of applying knowledge gained in the research (for example, the possible effects of the research on public policy) as among those research risks that fall within the purview of its responsibility.” (45 CFR 46.111(a)(2))

Be Careful What You Ask the IRB to Consider

“The possible long-range effects of the research on public policy affecting a segment of the population) should not be considered as among those research risks falling within the purview of the IRB, although such consequences may be relevant to a policy decision by an institution as to the desirability of approving the research at that institution. The IRB may advise institutional authorities in such cases.” (National Commission Report on IRBs p. 24)

Q & A

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